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Bolph M. Frenter



Queen of Saba.

Operain four acts

(after a text by Mesenthal)

CARL GOLDWARK.

Op. 27.

Pianoforte score with text

(English version by J.H.Cornell.)

Pianoforte score à 2 mains

Pianoforte score à 4 mains

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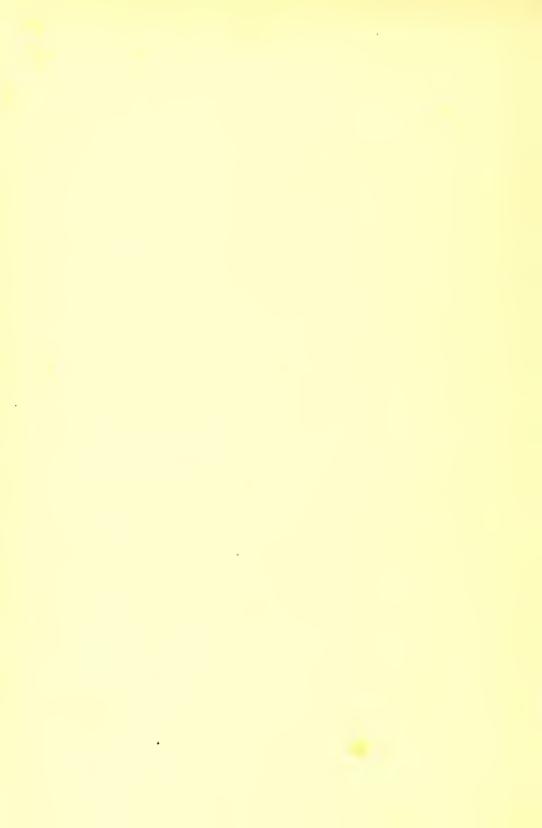
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Dramatic Persons:

KING SOLOMON	.Baryton.
HIGH-PRIEST	.Bass.
SULAMITH, his daughter	Soprano.
ASSAD	Tenor.
BAAL = HANAN, Keeper of the Palace	Baryton.
QUEEN OF SABA*)	Mezzo-Soprano.
ASTAROTH, her slave, (a Moor)	Soprano.
VOICE OF THE TEMPLE = WATCHMAN	Bass.

Priests, Levites, Singers, Harpists, Body = guards, Women of the Harem, Bayaderes, People.

Scene of the Action:

FIRST ACT: Hall in Solomon's Palaee.

SECOND ACT: Garden - afterwards in the Temple.

THIRD ACT: Banquet - hall.

FOURTH ACT: In the Desert.



^{*)} The author of the English translation of this work has preferred to retain the name "Saba" (pronounced Sah-bah) rather than "Sheba." The former is decidedly more musical than the latter and has as much sanction of authority. See, e.g., the 72d Psalm of David, v. 10, in the Church of England Prayer-book: "++++++ the kings of Arabla and Saba shall bring gifts."

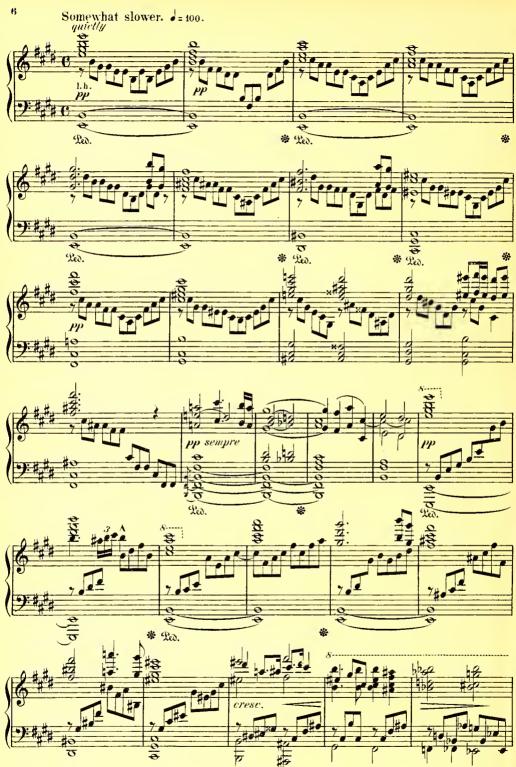
The Queen of Saba.

Prelude to the First Act.

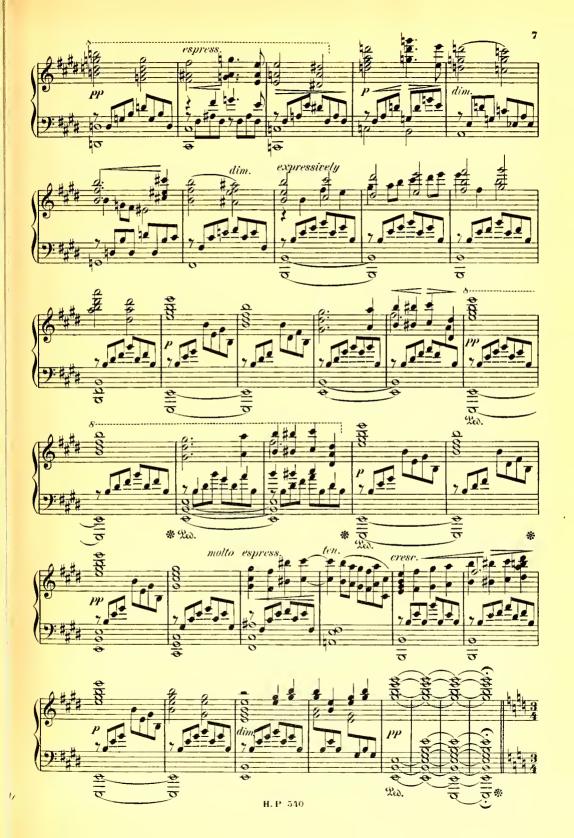




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Hall in Solomon's palace. Two gorgeous pillars divide the background into 3 arches, the smaller ones lead into colomades. From the summit of the stage, on both sides in the rear, broad steps, carpeted, lead down, at the foot of the steps golden lions, right and left doors of ebony and gold. At the left in the foreground the lion-throne. The whole presents a spectacle of the greatest magnificence. Descending the steps, from the left, are seen Solomon's wives, in festal garments, veiled; female slaves with kettledrums, harps and triangles follow. From the right the daughters of Jerusalem follow, servant-maids with golden flower-baskets accompany them. At the right, in the foreground, stands Baal-Hanan surrounded by body-guards. The doors are occupied by body-guards.













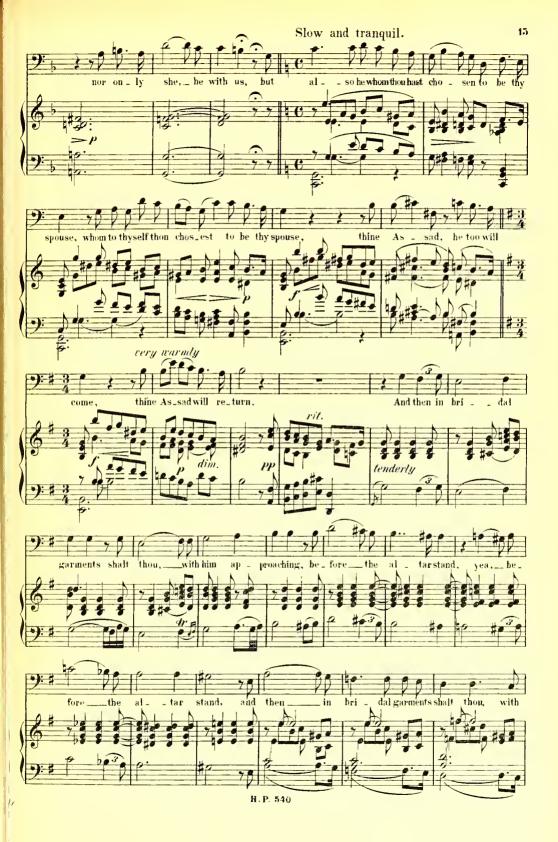




High-priest (in white vestments) and Sulamith enter from the right. All make obeisance.









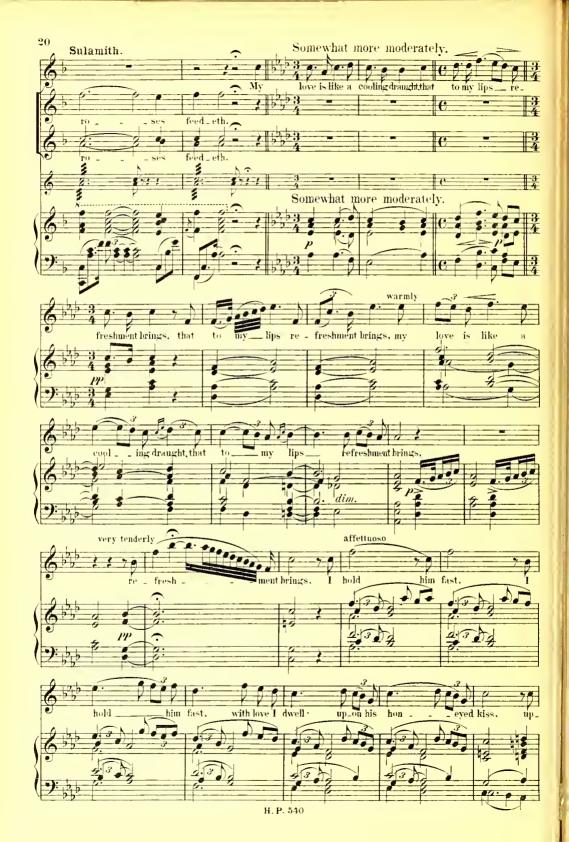


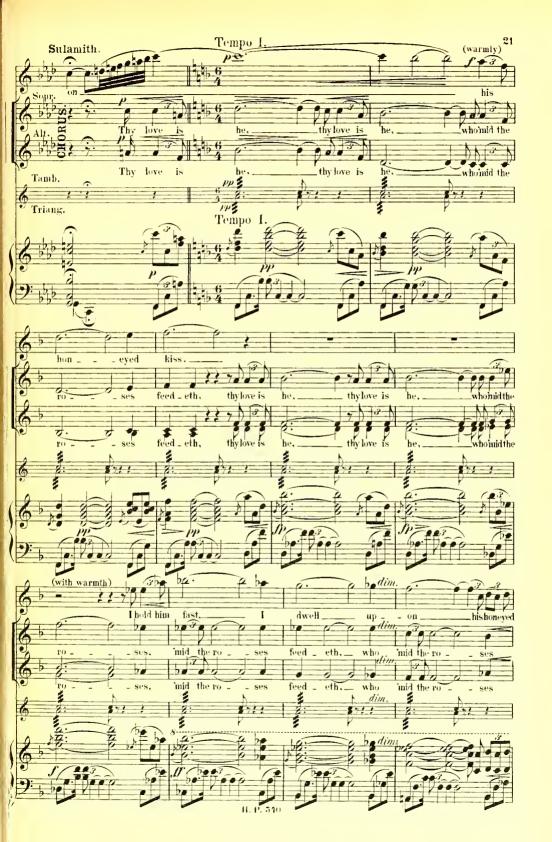


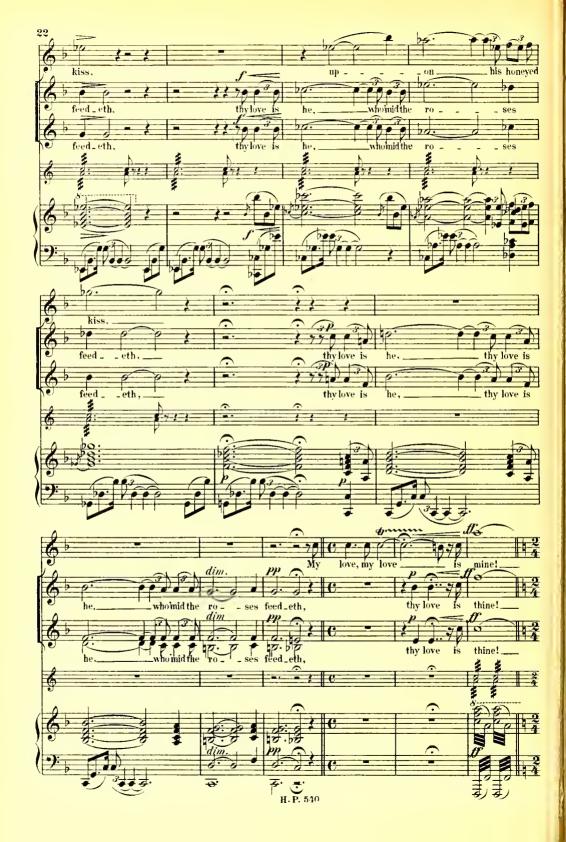
Tambourines, triangles played by the women on the stage, accompanying the singing. (Part of the women with harps.) (Maidens with baskets of flowers, others playing tambourine and triangle, accompany with graceful, quiet dance-movement the singing of the chorus.) (At the final hold, the dancers form a close semi-circular group



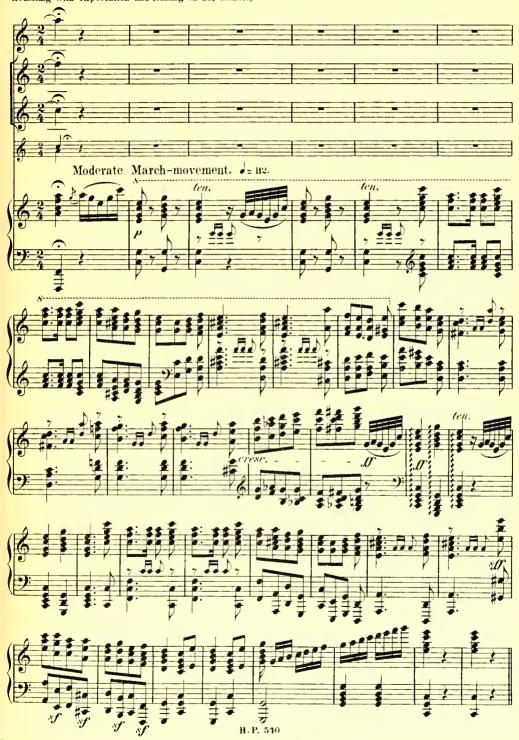








(At the first sounds of the march-movement she flies to the rear to meet Assad. Enter soldiers, Baal-Hanan, from the left. High-priest and guards, pressing the women back. Sulamith remains in the background, trembling with expectation and leaning on her father.)



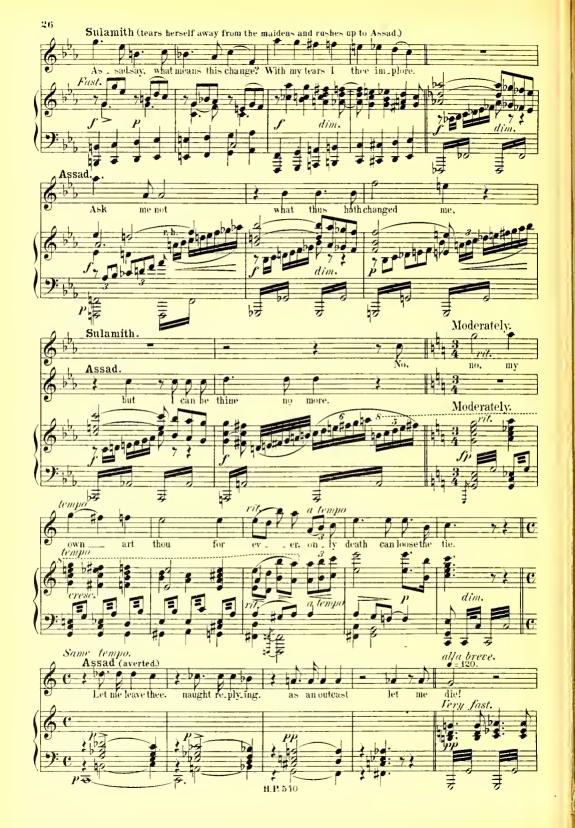
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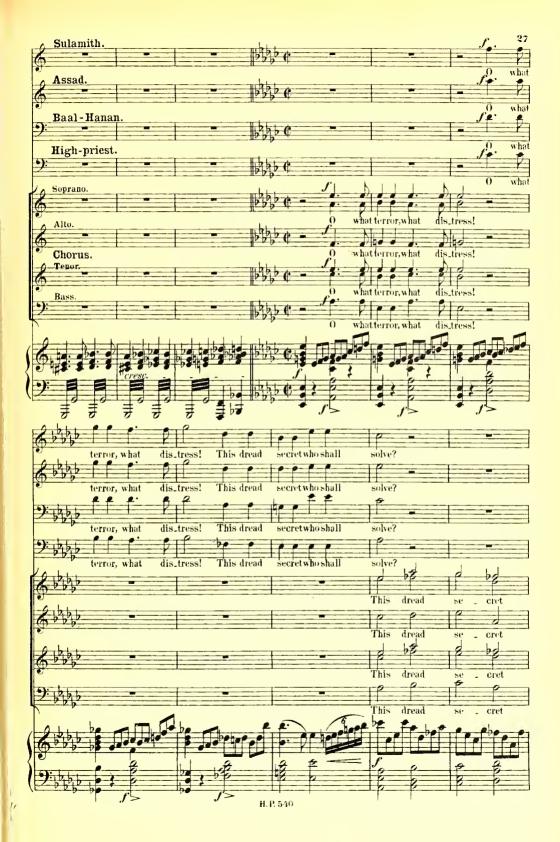
Enter Assad from the right, richly attired, pale and embarrassed.





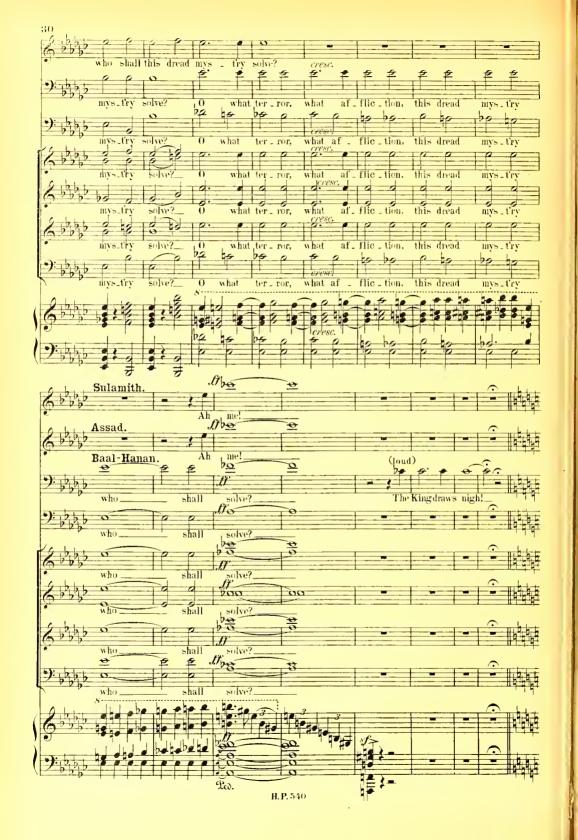












Scene V.

Enter Solomon from the left, without mantle and crown, richly attired: all kneel, except Assad and Sulamith, who stand near the High-priest, the former silent, the latter in despair. High-priest raises his hand and blesses the King—The gnards brandish their weapons.



All rise and exeant slowly through the colonnades right and left. Assad remains, motionless and dumb. The Highpriest, in leaving, promisses by a comforling gesture the divine enlightenment.







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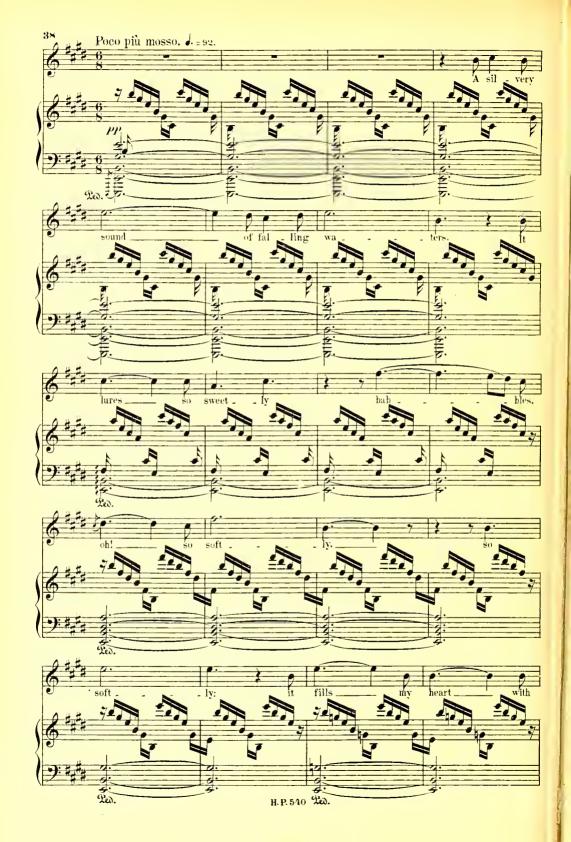






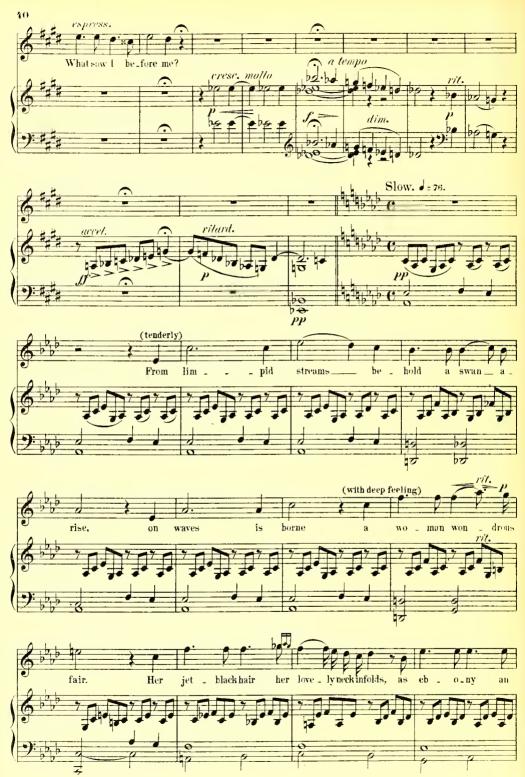




















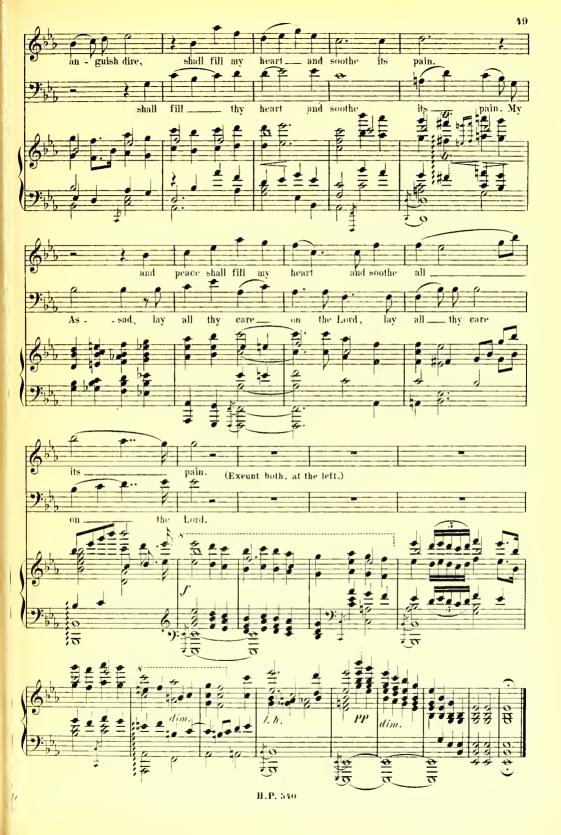












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Entrance-march of the Queen of Saba.



(Enter from the side-halls women and maidens, accompanied by female slaves. The women scatter roses, the slaves carry harps.)









(The entrance of the retinne of the Queen of Saba begins. Male and female slaves, white and black, with golden and other gorgeous vessels, filled with gold dust, pearls, jewels and spices. ___ Picturesque grouping.)







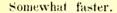




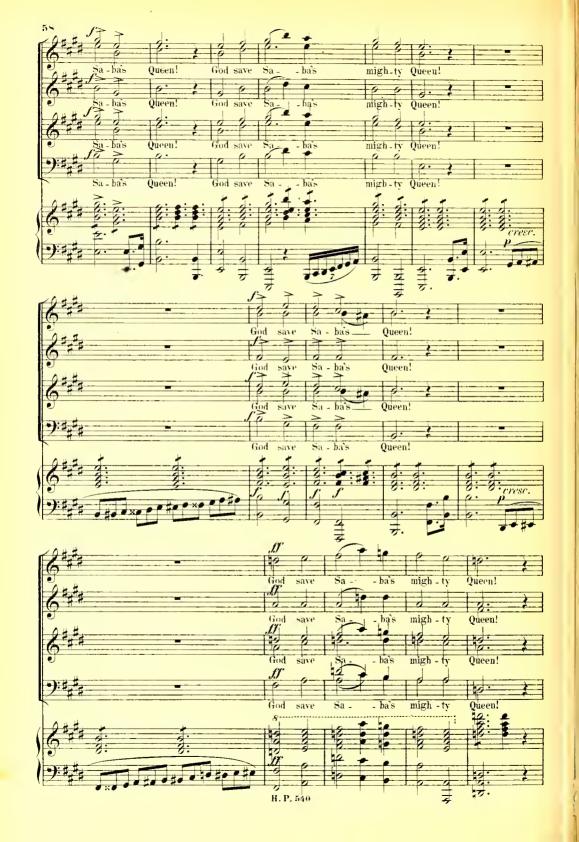
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(The Queen appears, borne on a palanquin with Astaroth. Under the hall the Queen is tifted down by the slaves)





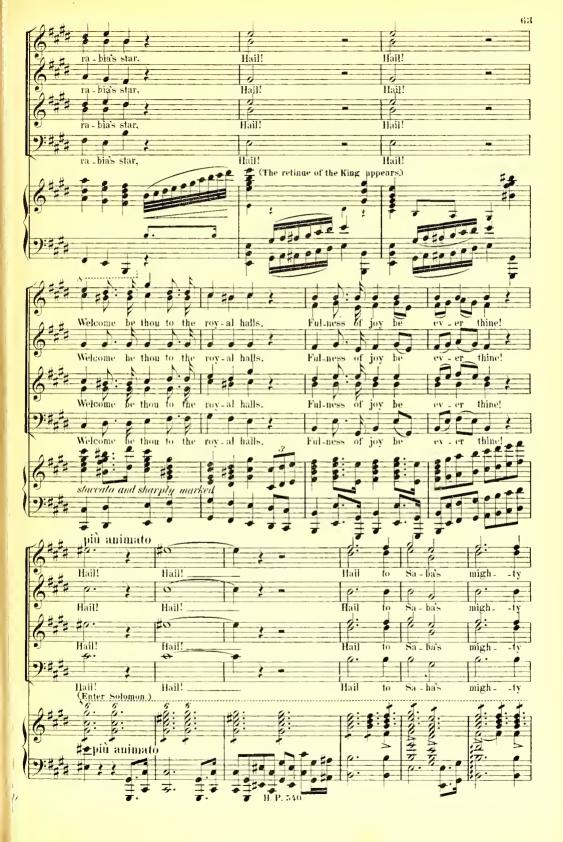


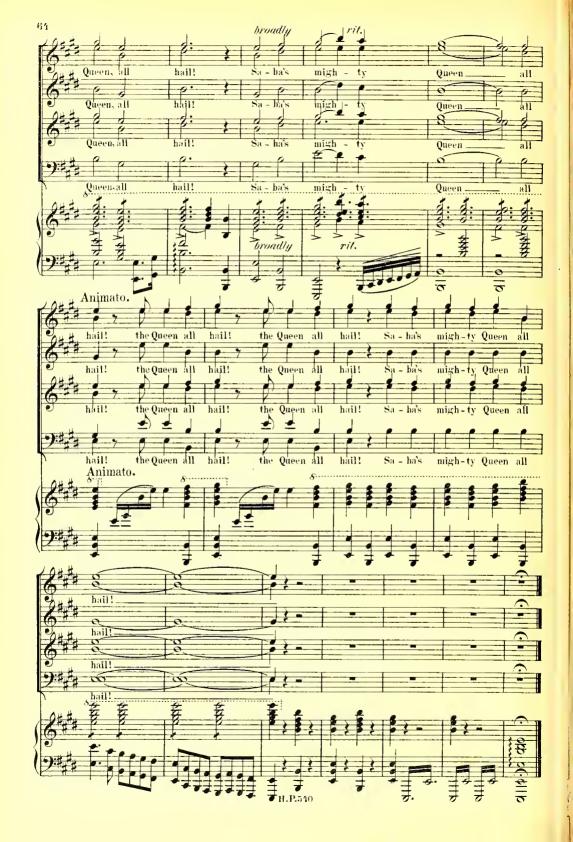












Scene VII.

(Solomon from the left with coronation-robe and crown. He is followed by the High-priest, Baal=Hanan, Assad and Solamith clinging to Assad. The Queen decked with jewels and pearls. From her crowned turban falls a gold-embroidered veil which covers her whole person.)







Position: High-priest, Sulamith, Assad, Solomon, Queen, Astaroth, Baal=Hanan. Moderato. = 92. Sulamith Saba. Ah!what dreadful Iu sion hath him transfor Assad, Astaroth Ha! his wild eyes, on me glar-ing, send thrill thro' all my frame! Help me. rious dread ap In the wild looks of pears! la - dy mys te my God! 'tis Gracious not Ha! what 1? dream! beauteous creature! Solomon. Baal=HananAh! what dreadful wild transfor ma-tion! her how he gards! Mark in re High-priest How dis tort-ed some are his wick - ed spell he's bound. He fhe How dis - tort-ed - ed spell he's hound. are his features! wiela some Moderato. . = 92. ly elinging As - sad, look up me, fond - 00 thon betray. ly-ing spi-rit, let me not Self mv mistress, whom from child-hood un - to death fondly serve. de - lu-sion, life and joy yi - sion, ńο hence forth are mine! her look guile and fidse, hood, lu-sion wild. and Ah!what dreadful transforbattles to Sa-tan's power. vic-tor crowndin now syceumbs 0.00 God, ap-hold the maiden's arm! PP

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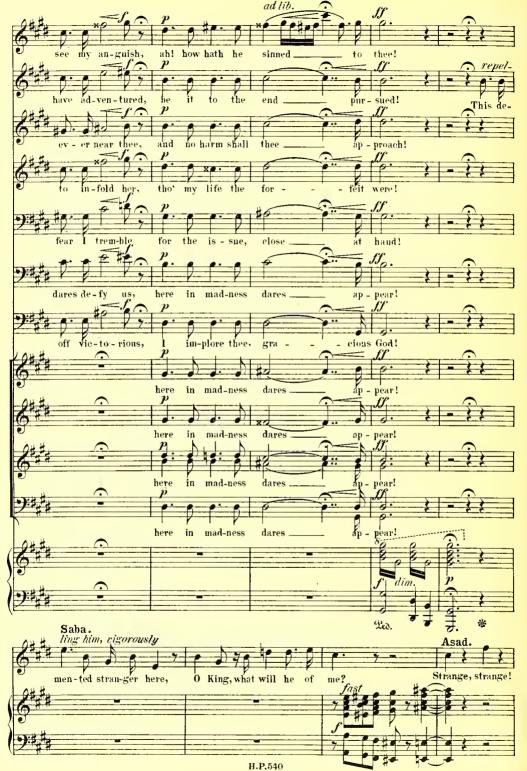


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(Solomon extends his hand to the Queen and leads her, to the left through the throug, who how in homage. The slaves kneef. In front of Assad, to whom Sulamith is clinging, the Queen stops and casts an ardent look at him, secretly lifting her veil, then goes on. At the top of the steps the royal pair turn and greet the assembly. All rush forward, waving banners and standards.)

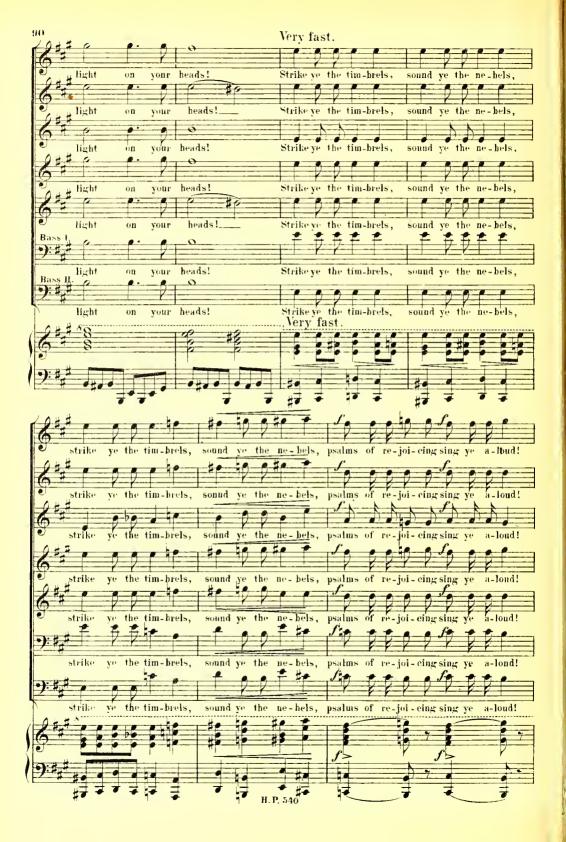




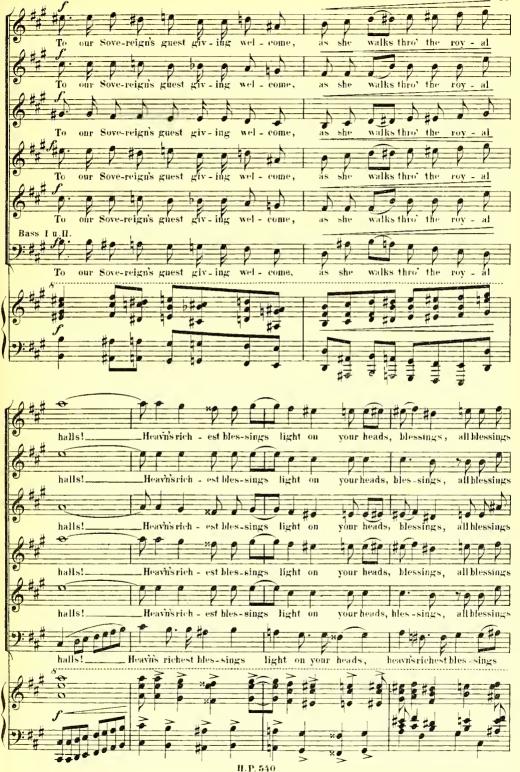














Introduction to the 2d Act. (Nocturne and Festival music.)



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Fantastic garden of cedars, palms and rosebushes; the stage of moderate depth. At the left in the foreground a fountain, its basin resting on steps. At the right, in the rear, a portal, leading to the palace. Night. The moon is rising.











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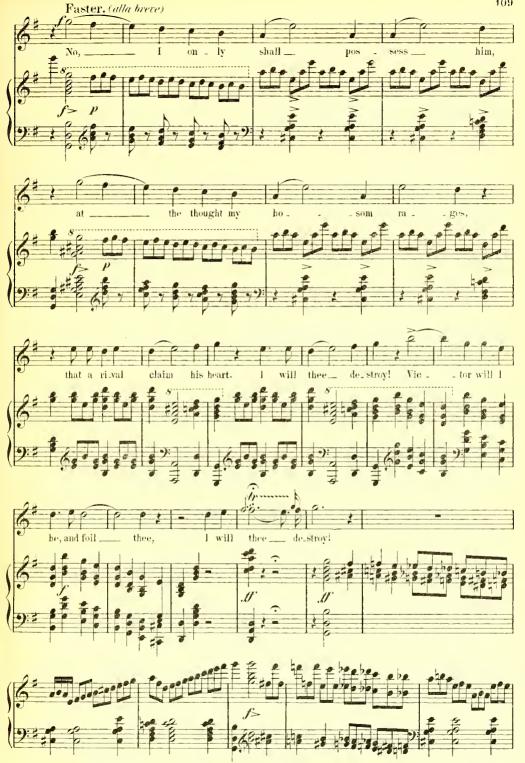


















Scene III.

112 (Assad, afterwards the Queeu.) (The . still somewhat slower. . : 66.) Assad. (With great tenderness.) Tones of en - chant - ment, per fume - la den breathe on gen - tle air me, 1.|h. Wed. Led. Ted. fan _ with thy wiugs. Sof_ten the eve_ning_breeze, - ning my beat brow. #. By a guish that prevs soul. vi . _sion haunt_ed am on my 8: dim. 7 (very tenderly and softly) dark . _ ly grove, where the stream_let _ some pp sempre dim. 1 7 of en - chant - ment, per - fume breathe on me,

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Assad has, in his revery, approached the fountain: the Queen, advancing from behind the fountain, the moonlight falling upon her, suddenly stands before him.— He steps back, affrighted.





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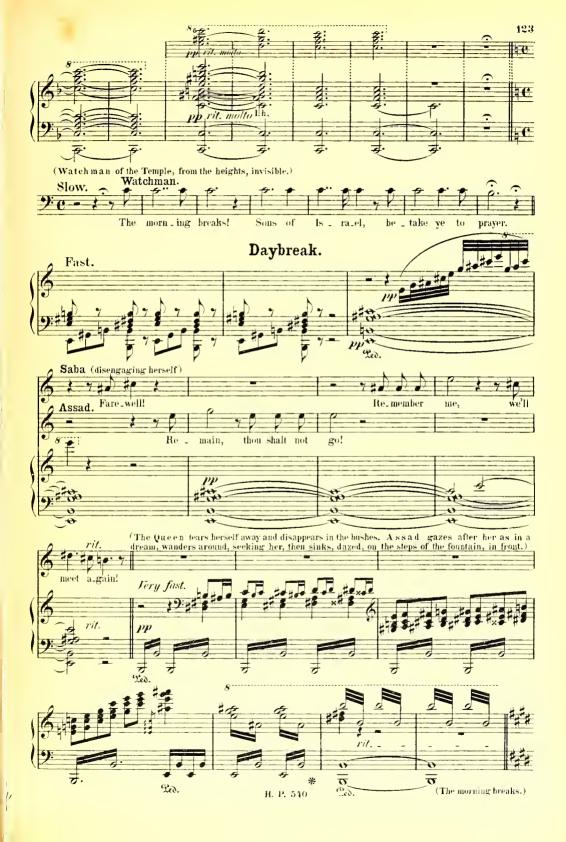


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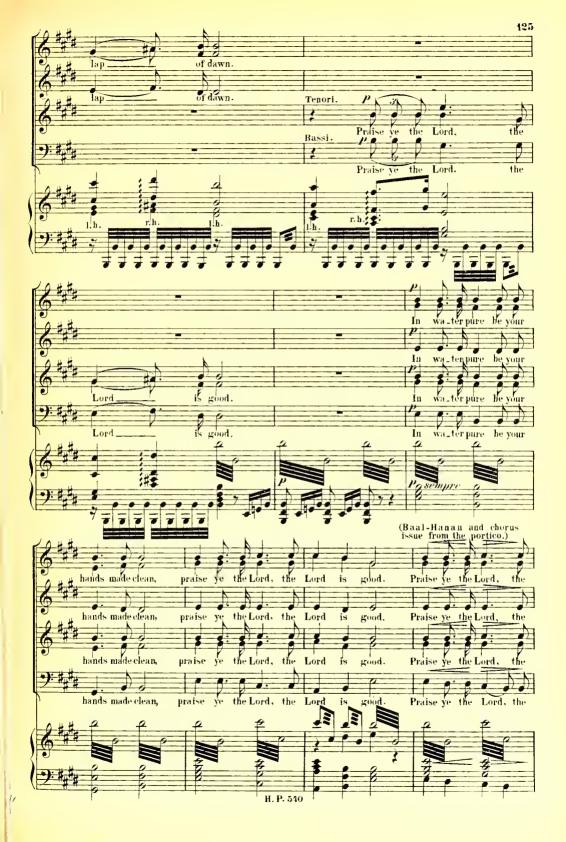






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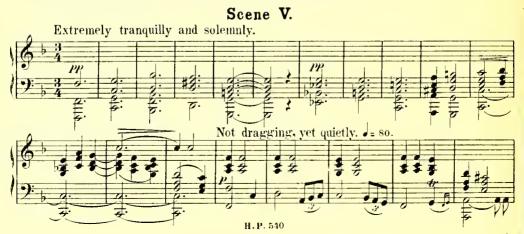


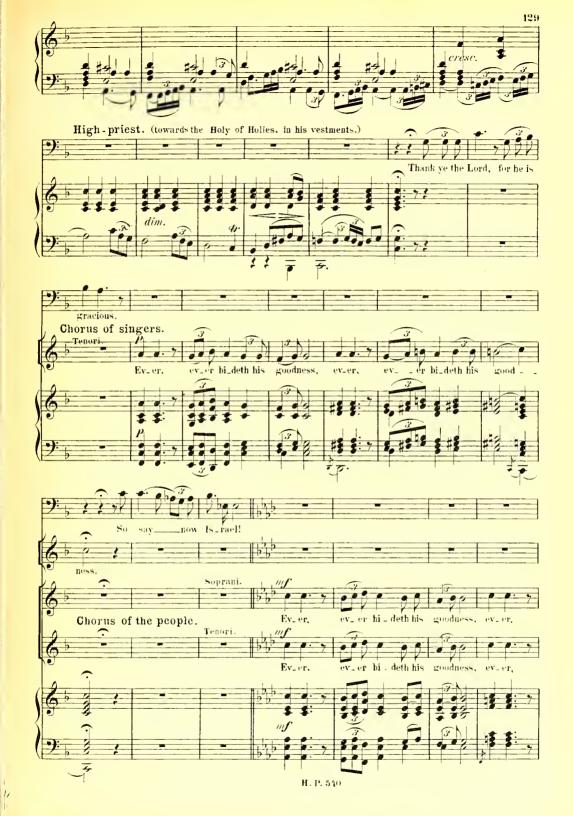




The Temple. Full depth of the stage. Galleries on both sides. A golden railing, running across the stage, separates the Holy of Holies from the body of the temple. In the Holy of Holies, on marble steps, the tabernacle, shut off by a magnificent veil embroidered with palms and cherubs heads. In front of the tabernacle, at the right, the golden candlestick with seven branches. At the left, the table with the showbread Before the railing in the middle of the centreground, the altar of incense. At the left, in the foreground, an estrade communicating with the palace. The whole edifice rests on pillars of cedar, richly inlaid with gold. Populace under the galleries. Priests, levites, singers and harpists, then the High-priest, enter the

temple from the right. The levites light the candles. The priests from time to time with low obeisances strew incence on the altar. The singers and harpists enter their boxes.



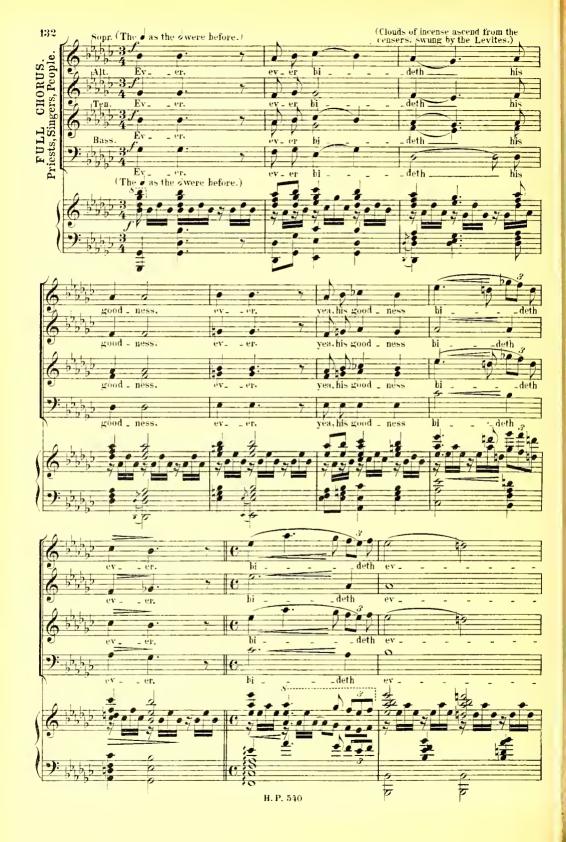








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(The priests present to the High-priest a golden offering cup full of flour, he turns to the tabernacle, makes a low bow and disappears behind the veil. The Levites swing their censers. Some from among the people bring offerings, flour in cups, oil in pitchers. The Levites receive the offerings.)



At the right, in the foreground, enters a procession of maidens, carrying grains of wheat in golden enps, and oil in pitchers. In the midst of them Sulamith, in white, a veil, interwoven with silver, falling backwards from her head. She carries in an open basket a pair of turtle-doves.







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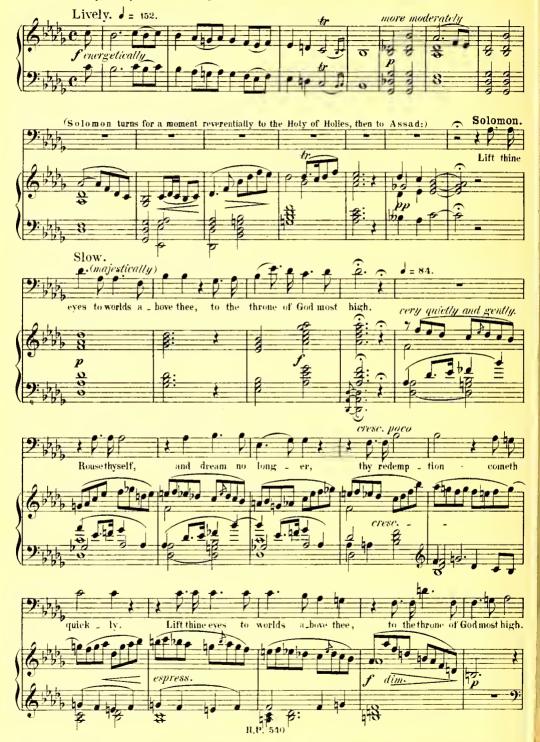
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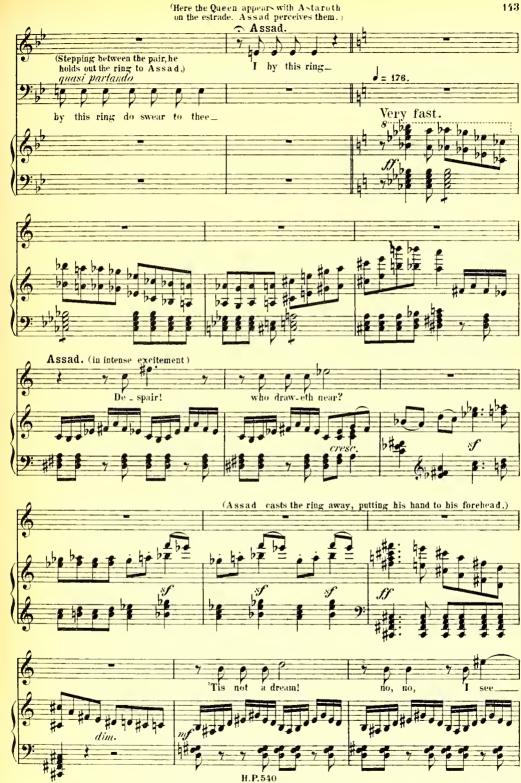
Solomon with Assad from the estrade at the left. Assad wears a white garment and a golden girdle: he walks unsteadily, his eyes fixed to the ground.

















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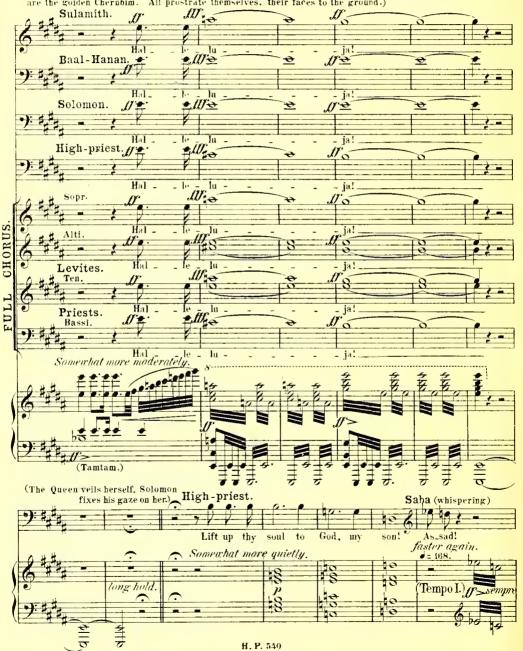
Very slow and solemn. = 72.







(He gives a sign. At the sound of the tamtam the veil in the rear is rolled up, disclosing the ark, on which are the golden Chernbim. All prostrate themselves, their faces to the ground.)













The parts of Saba and Astaroth may in the following to measures, as also at the repetition of the same place, be interchanged, as shall better suit the respective voices.

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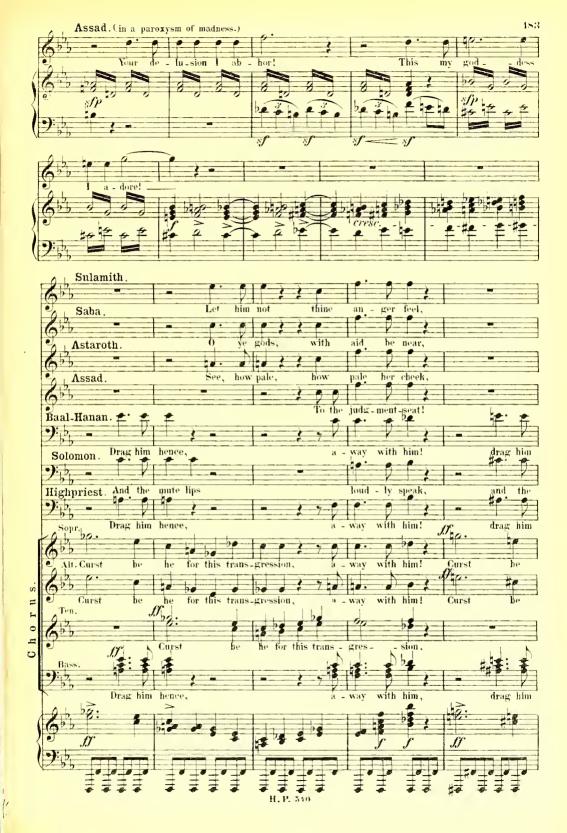






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(They drag Assad away into the background; the whole mass of the Chorus raging and crowding around him.)









THIRD ACT.

Ballet-musie.



Curtain rises: (Banqueting-hall, brilliantly lighted and adorned with flowers. The portico proper, 2 wings deep, can be shut off by a heavy,dark curtain. In the rear are seen cupboards, cup-bearers are carrying dishes and drioking cups. The entire hall is filled with womeo of the harem; daucing bayaderes with goblets and garlands.)









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(A girl closely wrapped in a veil, which also forms a part of her upper dress, playfully drives before her an imaginary bee, now showing great fear of it, now driving it away with the end of her veil. The signs of fear increase, as if the bee were more closely pursuing her. All at once she stands still, in a great fright: the bee has (seemingly) got into her clothing, she tries in vain to free herself from it, and quickly and dexteronsly disentangles herself from her veil, which she casts away from her. The bee remains in the veil; she breathes again. With graceful motions dances round the veil, which after a while she raises carefully from the ground, the bee escapes. In great haste she again closely wraps herself in the veil, and the performance is repeated. At last, continually retreating before the bee and driving it away, she dances off the stage. The whole should be executed with grace and elegance, partly mimicking, partly dancing.)



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(The bee has seemingly got inside; she quickly disengages herself from the veil



and throws it to the ground. Her motions express joy and calmness.)





(The other maidens with garland and veil mingle gradually in her dance.)









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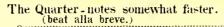


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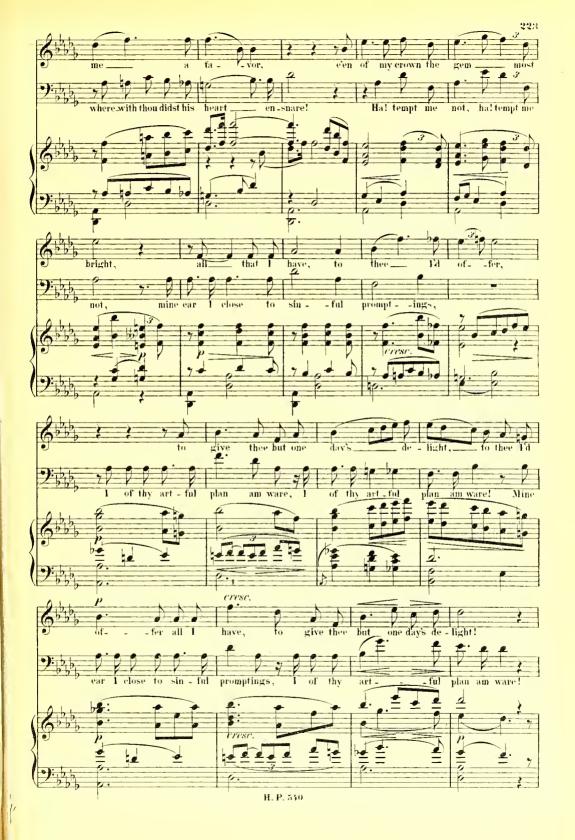












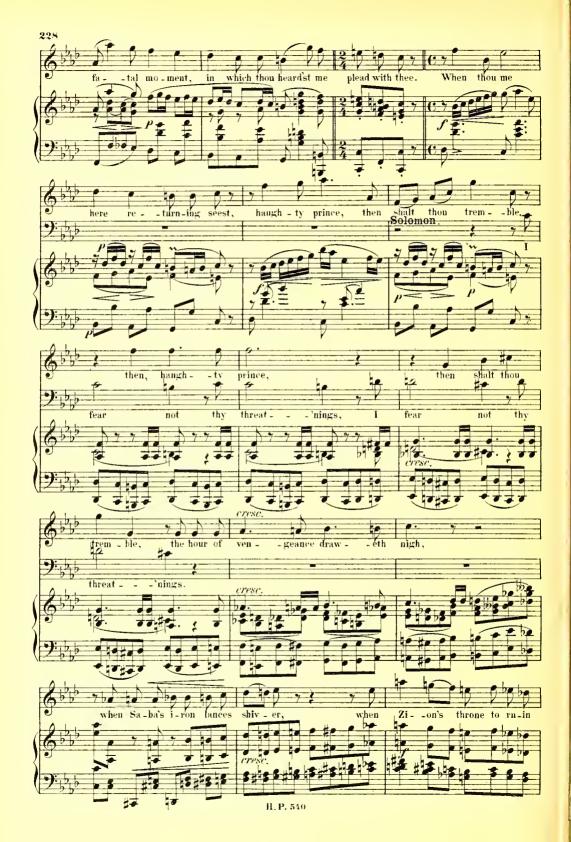






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Scene IV.

Baal-Hanan gives a sign, the curtain is drawn, Sulamith in a long, black veil surrounded by her playmates and a band of youths. (Exit Baal-Hanan.)











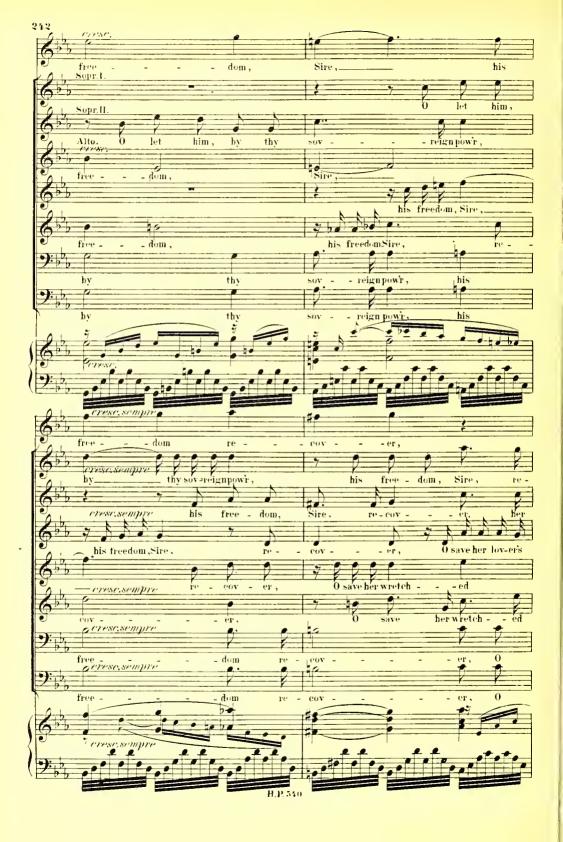




















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FOURTH ACT.

On the border of the desert. On the right, in the background, elevated, an asylum of holy virgins. On the left, in the foreground, a high, withered palm-tree.





Scene II.

The Queen from the right. Twilight. Assad rapt in thought.











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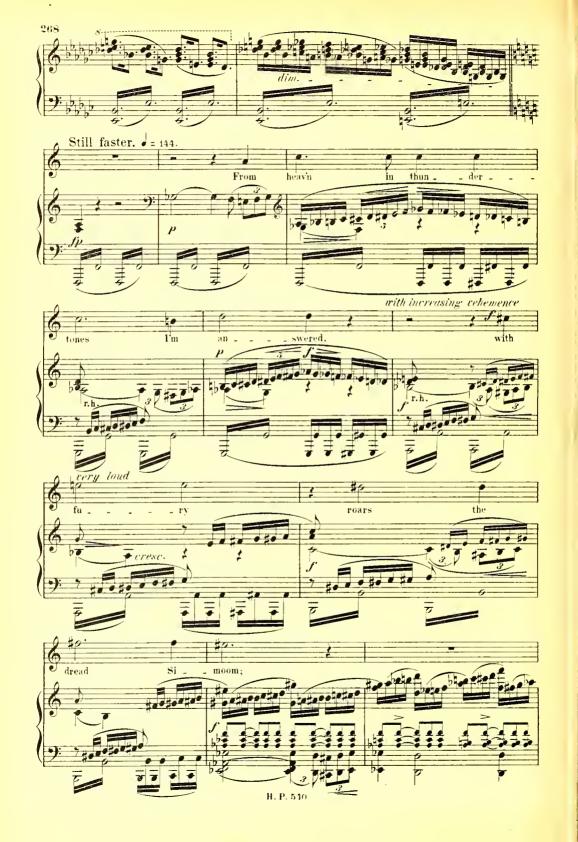






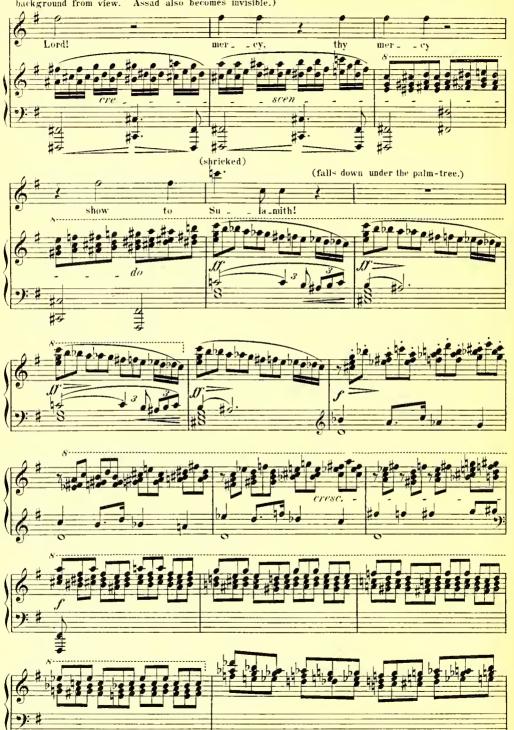


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(A mighty cloud of sand bursts in from the right and rushes by to the left in front of the palm-tree. The stage is completely darkened. The passage of the cloud of sand lasts long, and gradually hides the background from view. Assad also becomes invisible.)



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Scene IV.

The gloomy appearance of the landscape has given way to a more cheerful one.

















